Functioning of private universities

†967. SHRI KAPTAN SINGH SOLANKI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prepared any plan to rein in private universities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any plan has also been prepared to check financial irregularities in these private universities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Universities established by State Legislatures without public funding (as private universities) are regulated under the University Grants Commission (Establishment of and Maintenance of Standards in Private Universities) Regulations, 2003.

(c) and (d) The UGC regulations referred to in para (a) and (b) also provide that the admission procedure and fixation of fees shall be in accordance with the norms/guidelines prescribed by the UGC and other concerned statutory bodies.

Review of functioning of AICTE

968. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is reviewing the functioning of AICTE;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of new framework of the regulatory body, which would replace AICTE?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) The Government is reviewing the functioning of the AICTE on a continuous basis with the objective of bringing in transparency in its functioning, reforms in governance and removing discrepancies in procedures. The need for an overarching regulatory body in higher, technical and professional education has been accepted by the Government as one of its priorities.

Review Panel on Deemed Universities

969. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Review Panel on Deemed Universities has slammed Deemed University status of many Universities as they are run like private family business;

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